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Pridefest cancels Fountain request

The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center withdrew a request Tuesday that Fountain honor its forthcoming parade, saying rejection would be worse than no vote.

Colorado Springs City Council members refused last week to issue a proclamation honoring Sunday's Pridefest. So community center director Ryan Acker persuaded Fountain Mayor Ken Barela to let his council give its thoughts.

Hours before the vote, though, Acker withdrew the request.

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